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SUBJECT: YAMANI'S OIL AUCTION PROPOSAL

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1. PURSUANT REFTTEL I MET WITH ZAKI YAMANI EARLY THIS AFTERNOON TO GIVE HIM THE DEPT'S MESSAGE. I GAVE IT TO HIM IN WRITING, SPECIFICALLY MARKED AN ORAL MESSAGE. HE INDICATED FULL UNDERSTANDING OF ITS NATURE.

2. YAMANI READ IT IMPASSIVELY. HIS ONLY REACTION WAS A SHAKE OF HIS HEAD WHEN HE GOT TO THE PARA ABOUT THE MAINTENANCE OF DESTINATION CONTROLS ON ARAMCO SHIPMENTS LIMITING MARKET FLEXIBILITY AND THEREBY HAVING AN UPWARD PRICE EFFECT. HE MADE NO OTHER COMMENT, BUT IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY, AGREED THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO DISCUSSING ENERGY RELATIONSHIPS WITH APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS DURING PRINCE FAHD'S UPCOMING DEPARTMENT VISIT.

3. YAMANI EXPRESSED CURIOSITY ABOUT THE US-EGYPTIAN BILATERAL COMMISSION WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY. HE WANTED TO KNOW IF IT IS MODELED ON THE US-SAUDI COMMISSION? I TOLD HIM THAT THE CONCEPT WAS SIMILAR, BUT THAT THE DETAILS OF THE CONCEPT WILL

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HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT IN THE LIGHT OF THE SPECIFIC

NATURE OF OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH OF THE TWO  
COUNTRIES. AGAIN HE WAS HIS USUAL IMPASSIVE SELF,  
SIMPLY NODDING HIS HEAD PRESUMABLY IN UNDERSTANDING.

4. I HAVE THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT YAMANI, LIKE  
SO MANY OTHER SAUDIS, RETAINS THE SAME DOUBTS ABOUT THE  
EGYPTIANS THAT HE HAD YEARS AGO.  
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